Prospects of export to China

†2964. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the FICCI has stated in its survey report, "Diversifying India's Export to China" that there is a huge possibility of export to China;

(b) if so, the main points of this report togetherwith the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to boost the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is stated in the report that China is an important export destination, presently Indian exports are restricted to select few items, the major items in which India could cater to Chinese requirements are engineering goods, minerals and ores, chemicals and allied products, textile yarn and cotton yarn fabrics, agri products, IT products, etc. This report is proposed to be discussed in a workshop before being finalised.

(c) Steps being taken, on an ongoing basis, for Indian exports to China include participation in trade fairs/exhibitions, exchanges of delegations at both governmental and business levels, exchange of information, etc.

Demands for tea in gulf countries

†2965. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demand of tea has increased in the gulf countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Governments of these countries have offered several concessions/facilities to encourage the Indian tea companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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